

Senator Winfield, Representative Stafstrom, ranking members Kissel and Fishbein and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Patrick Farley. I am from West Hartford and a supporter of CT Against Gun Violence. I am a retired insurance agent. More importantly, I am a concerned citizen wanting to decrease, and prevent, gun violence in Connecticut and the nation.

I am testifying in favor of HB-6355, An Act Concerning Risk Protection Orders. I have a family member who has attempted suicide, thankfully unsuccessfully. I am also thankful there are no guns in his home. However, I believe if there was a gun available the outcome of his attempts would have been different. It is for this reason I am supporting HB-6355 whereby access to a firearm will be blocked to those intent on harming themselves.

I ask that you favorably report HB-6355 out of committee so that the General Assembly can vote to strengthen our Extreme Risk Protection law so that it works harder to prevent firearm suicide and homicide. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Patrick Farley
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